

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/797,236  
Applicant: Michel DELZENNE  
Filed: March 10, 2004  
Title: Plasma cutting torch electrode with an Hf/Zr insert  
TC/A.U.: 3742  
Examiner: Mark H. Paschall  
Docket No.: Serie 6145  
Customer No.: 000040582

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Commissioner of Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a **two-month** extension of time until **January 6, 2005**, in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated **August 6, 2004**, in connection with the above-identified application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1375 the additional fee of **\$450.00** for obtaining this two-month extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1375. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

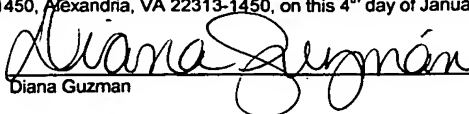
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